

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

NO. 41-191

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill No. 634, passed by the recently adjourned Regular Session of the Forty-ninth Legislature.

House Bill No. 634 fixes the compensation for District Attorneys at Five Thousand Dollars per year. This is an increase of One Thousand Dollars over the present salary and is a percentage increase of twenty-five per cent. The Legislature only increased the low bracket salaries of other State employees fifteen per cent. Other State employees are required to devote full time to the performance of their duties. District Attorneys are allowed to practice civil law at the same time they are holding office. Most of them enjoy a good civil practice. It is my opinion that the District Attorney's office is the best paying office of the State government when considered in connection with the civil practice which usually goes with it.

Furthermore, the Legislature made no appropriation to pay the increase in salaries provided for by House Bill No. 634. In this connection, Senate Bill No. 324 specifically provides that the salaries of all State officers and all State employees except constitutional State officers whose salaries are specifically fixed by the Constitution and except the salaries of District Judges, shall be for the next biennium in such sums or amounts as may be provided for by the Legislature in the General Appropriation Bill. The salaries fixed for District Attorneys generally in the General Appropriation Bill is Four Thousand Dollars per annum. Therefore, House Bill No. 634, even if it were not vetoed, would be completely suspended during the next biennium, and another Regular Session of the Legislature will convene before it could have any effect.

House Bill No. 634 reached my office less than ten days before the end of the Regular Session of the Forty-ninth Legislature. In accordance with the Constitution, it is being filed with the Secretary of State together with this proclamation containing my objections to the bill.

REPRODUCED FROM THE
HOLDINGS OF THE
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have
hereunto signed my name of-
ficially and caused the Seal
of State to be affixed hereto
at Austin, this the twenty-
third day of June, A. D.,
1945.


GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

BY THE GOVERNOR:


SECRETARY OF STATE